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Harriet Island reopening celebrates city's historic gathering place

Celebrate the \$14.3 million transformation of Harriet Island Regional Park on Saturday, September 9th. The grand opening celebration will be an outdoor adventure for the entire family along the magnificent Mississippi River.

The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with an official dedication on the Ohage Great Lawn and in the restored Clarence W. Wigington Pavilion, with its two new terraces and fireplaces.

Five stages and the Mississippi River itself will play host to a wide variety of interactive activities, including world towboat wrestling, theatrical and musical performances, and more.

At 7:30 p.m., relax and enjoy Eiji Oue and the Minnesota Orchestra with a concert under the stars, followed by a fireworks extravaganza.

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The Sunbeam Band, from about 1904, with Harriet Island on the right, and the Wabasha Bridge and Downtown Saint Paul in the background. Photo from the Minnesota Historical Society.

PEANUTS ON PARADE pupils follow course of Snoopy 101

Students of Saint Paul's PEANUTS ON PARADE event can now find an additional 26 Snoopys placed around the city.



The display of Snoopy statues begun in June became so popular that additional sponsors wanted to sign up for their own tribute to the

beloved beagle. So the city had no choice but to provide another two dozen-plus polyurethane pups.

TivoliToo, Inc., fabricator of the original 75 Snoopys, got right to work and made 26 more, bringing the total to 101.

The new Snoopys include "Joe the

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Places to go. Things to do.

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West Side Flats neighborhood outscores stadium proposals

In recent years, there has been a flood of development proposals for the West Side Flats, a 45-acre riverfront site between the Wabasha and Robert Street Bridges across the Mississippi from Downtown.

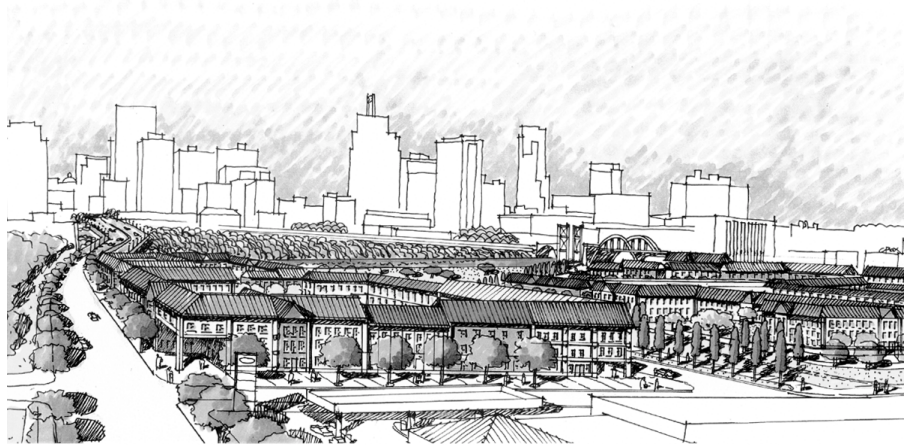
"It should be home to the new Science Museum of Minnesota."

"It's a perfect site for a bigger Saint Paul Saints stadium."

"Let's bring the Twins to Saint Paul and build a new professional baseball stadium on the Mississippi."

All these ideas struck out.

Over the last six weeks, major steps were taken to develop each of the proposed urban villages: The Upper Landing Urban Village, a site on riverfront property near the Science Museum, was awarded over \$4 million for cleaning pollution. The North Quadrant Urban Village, just north of Lowertown, started preparations for construction this fall of 150 condominiums, townhomes, and apartments, the first of several housing phases. And The West Side Flats Urban Village was identified as the site of a new U.S. Bancorp \$50-\$60 million service center.



Instead, the West Side Flats will become an urban village. Part of a downtown/riverfront master plan outlined in Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework, the Flats is one of three interconnecting urban villages planned for downtown.

Is the term "urban village" an oxymoron? Not at all. An urban village is a planned city neighborhood where residents and businesses coexist in a setting of attractive homes, buildings, landscapes, and sidewalks. In each of Saint Paul's new downtown villages, residents will enjoy many amenities, including a community public park.

Construction on the U.S. Bancorp building will begin this fall with a June, 2002, completion expected. A second phase of construction will be finished by late 2003. Ultimately, the project should provide two thousand jobs for the area.

With this commitment in place, housing developers are discussing plans for 700 residential units with related neighborhood commercial services, a cultural center, a central park, and possibly a charter school. Total development costs for the housing are estimated to exceed \$110 million.

The West Side Flats Urban Village has rounded first base and is rapidly closing in on second!



It really is your Credit Union

It was 1928 when a small group of employees from the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County decided to pool their resources and open a Credit Union that would allow members to save and borrow at competitive rates. Seventy-two years later, their vision is still being realized by the 33,000 members of the City & County Credit Union — your credit union.

All City employees (and retirees receiving pension benefits from the City) are eligible for membership. Simply opening up a Share Savings account with a \$5 deposit opens up all of CCCU's services to the new member. Once you are a member, your family members are also eligible to join the Credit Union.

Loans remain one of the most often used member services. Because Credit Unions are owned by their members, they can offer lower rates and fewer fees than most profit-driven banks. CCCU is also proud to offer its members the convenience of carrying out their transactions from home through ATLIS, the CCCU's telephone teller, and PC FIRST computer access.

When you add to this the Credit Union's Share checking accounts, Shazam ChekCard, and VISA credit cards, along with three Saint Paul-area locations, you can see why so many City employees have chosen membership at the City & County Credit Union. Why not join them? Any questions about membership and services can be answered by a call to the TeleCenter at 651-225-2700 (TDD 651-225-2761). You can also check out www.cccu.com.

Credit Union deposits are insured for up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a U.S. Government Agency.

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Founded in 1849.

Rediscovered in 2000

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The community has reclaimed Harriet Island as its historic gathering place. In sponsoring Riverwalk steppingstones, hundreds of people have had paving stones inscribed with the names of loved ones, as well as poetic and personal expressions at the overlook and adjacent walkway. Join thousands as they search for their legacies on these stones. Watch children as they do rubbings of their families' names, or as they find the engraved kitten-tail plant and spotted skunk tracks.

Harbor Road, the western entrance to the park, has been renamed Dr. Justus Ohage Rd. The new name honors the man who, on May 26th, 1900, presented Harriet Island Park to the City of Saint Paul with the stipulation that "it should be conducted solely as a place of wholesome recreation, free of money-making amusement features."

Ohage had spent nearly \$8000 to acquire Harriet Island and built public baths, two pavilions, an office, and walking and riding trails.

In addition to the features already mentioned, the Harriet Island of today will also have:

- new Great Stairs
- new Target Stage
- new Pedestrian Gateway at Water Street
- new rock garden
- new biofiltration area
- new overlook
- two new parking lots
- two new ticket booths and restrooms
- new Junior League Harriet Island Information Kiosk
- University of Minnesota Centennial Showboat landing
- Covington Inn and No Wake Café
- Hard Dock Café

Join the community in welcoming the rebirth of the city's optimism, vitality, and river heritage.

Pre-retirement Planning Seminar

If you are planning to retire in the next ten years, and you haven't attended the City's Pre-retirement Planning Seminar yet, NOW is the time to do it!

The Pre-retirement Planning Seminar is a long-range planning seminar designed to help you take practical steps NOW to enable you to spend your retirement years as you choose. Information about Social Security, public pensions, fitness, nutrition, legal readiness, estate planning, financial planning, deferred compensation, and employee benefits will be presented by experts in their fields.

The seminar is scheduled for October 17, October 24, and November 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Room 40A and B City Hall. Do not register unless you will be able to attend ALL THREE sessions.

Registration is limited to 50 City employees, and fills up fast! To register, submit a Risk Management Seminar Application to the Risk Management Division, 240 City Hall, by September 15th. If a partner is attending with you, please include their name, too. For an application, see your office's training representative or the RICH station in the City Hall Annex skyway level.

Employee picnic basks in perfect weather

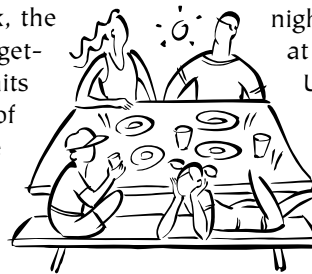
About 850 people enjoyed the 2000 City Employee Picnic on Thursday, August 3rd, at the Como Park Picnic Pavilion. The weather was perfect for the event, and contributed to a good time. Lots of people also took advantage of the picnic grounds' closeness to the new home of Cafesjian's Carousel. Many enjoyed the music of blues master Joe Juliano.

A special thanks goes to the crews and staff of Parks and Recreation for their hard work, the use of their equipment, getting the necessary permits and permissions, and of course, for the use of the park. The Police supplied their canine unit and mounted police, and Fire's fire prevention dog, "Sparky," was also on hand.

As always, the picnic's success was grounded in the hard work of its volunteers. Heading the list of volunteers is the Picnic Committee. Members included Geri Boyd, Human Resources; Dave Hostrawser, Parks; Myra Larson, Human Rights; Marlene Maurer, Human Resources; Ken Shearer, Public Works (retired!); Sally Storms, Libraries; Theresa Sullivan,

Office of Financial Services; Michelle VanHeel, Marketing and Promotions; and Jody Valento Winkler, PED.

Over 50 prizes were donated by generous local businesses and agencies. Some of the prizes and winners: • A ring with blue and white sapphires – Kelly Booker, Public Works; • Seiko watch – Tom Allard, Public Works; • four tickets to "Ten Years Apart" at the Ordway – Tom Allard, Public Works; • Friday night deluxe accommodations at Hotel Saint Paul – Henry Ung, Public Works; • one night's accommodations at the Radisson St. Paul – Billy Klabunder, Public Works; • one weekend night's accommodations for two at the Sheraton Midway – Steve Armstrong, Fire; • \$50.00 certificate good at Kincaid's Fish, Chop, and Steak House – Mark Schletty, Parks and Recreation; • and a \$50.00 certificate good at W. A. Frost Co. – Mark Ficcadenti Police.





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Grinder," "Vulcanus Rex," "Snoopy the Scholar," and "Thespian Snoopy" (to beagle or not to beagle).

One of the most popular of the original 75 is "Snoopy Reflecting Us All," which was shown in the August 14th edition of People magazine. The statue is covered with a mosaic of hundreds of mirrors. The magazine article was a short biography of Trent Mayberry, who is the summer intern whose job it is to monitor the status of the statues, and to answer questions about them.

The Snoopy that is perhaps seen by the most people is "Explorer Snoopy." Mounted on a 1964 Land Rover (shown at left), this statue travels to parades, celebrations, and special events all over Saint Paul. By the way, if you'd like to see Explorer Snoopy in your neighborhood, contact Trent

Mayberry before

August 31st at 651-266-8684 or at trent.mayberry@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

The original litter of Snoopys was completed and installed by mid-July. The second litter is expected to be fully installed by the date of this publication, August 25th. Installations are done by Kraus-Anderson.

For the latest information on the locations of all the Snoopys, call the Citizen Service Office at 651-266-8989, visit the big red dog house outside the Science Museum, or see the snoopy.com web site.

Give Blood.

It can take from four to forty units of blood to treat just one accident victim. That blood cannot be manufactured. It can only be donated. Blood donation takes only about an hour.

As you enjoy the upcoming Labor Day weekend, know that your generosity will make a difference in someone's life. Thank you for saving lives.

The next City/County Blood Drive will be held:

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Rooms 40-42 City Hall/Courthouse basement

To make an appointment, contact Linda Crosby at 266-6530, or at linda.crosby@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

City job openings as of August 25th, 2000

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Clerical assistant (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Clerk-Typist II Spanish/Bilingual Speaking	\$23,840.00 annual	See Job Ann
Open	Clerk-Typist II (full & part-time)	\$23,800.00 annual	See Job Ann
Open	Communications Technician	\$1365.82	See Job Ann
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1171.33	See Job Ann
Open	Conservatory Attendant (permanent/part-time)	\$9.17 per hr	See Job Ann
09/04/00	Facility Services Worker	\$11.02 per hr	09/11/00
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$9.01 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$8.00 per hr	See Job Ann
09/05/00	Info & Control System Integrator Technician (prom)	\$1473.46	09/12/00
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1550.12	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1148.08	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard (temporary)	\$7.25 per hr	TBN
Open	Park Aide (part-time/seasonal)	\$7.06 per hr	See Job Ann
08/29/00	Public Works Supervisor II (prom)	\$1913.46	See Job Ann
08/29/00	Public Works Supervisor III (prom)	\$2087.43	See Job Ann
Open	Senior Pool Attendant (part-time/seasonal)	\$8.75 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Swimming Pool Supervisor (part-time/seasonal)	\$10.25 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (temporary)	\$7.75 per hr	TBN

** This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after August 17th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.